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Jamaica, October 6.

OUR Governor Sir *Thomas Lynch*, having on the 26th of the last Month received an account from *England* of the Happy discovery of the late horrid Conspiracy against His Majesty, his Royal Highness, and the Government, and having immediately communicated the same to the Assembly then sitting, they thereupon came in a full Body to his Excellency and the Council, to desire a Day might be set apart to give thanks to *Almighty God* for so great and signal a Deliverance. That night his Excellency invited the Council and Assembly to Supper, as he did the Tuesday following (the day appointed for the general Thanksgiving) to Dinner, both which days the great Guns were fired, being followed with Bonfires and other publick expressions of Joy.

The Assembly having at that time under consideration several Acts relating to this Government, agreed to all the Amendments sent from the Council in *England*. And voted that His Majesty's Revenue in this Island should be continued for 21 years longer. We have advice that War is declared against *Spain*, at *Petit Guaves*, and other places within the French Government on *Hispaniola*.

One of the Ships belonging to *Van Horn*, the Famous Pyrate, was about ten weeks agone taken by the Spanish Fleet, most of the Men escaping.

His Majesty's Ship the *Ruby*, that has been long to Windward, is arrived here.

Deal, January 27. The Sea is frozen here at least two miles from the Shore, many persons go upon it. And should any Ships come into the *Downs*, we could neither go off to them, nor they send ashore. The Sea is frozen over between the North and South *Forelands*, the like having never been heard of before.

Dover, February 1. Some days since put in here three Dutch Dogger Boats, not daring to attempt getting into any place on their own Coasts, the Ice lying so far off at Sea. The same day these Boats came in, most of the Ice in this Road drove away with the Wind at East. To morrow one of our Pacquet-Boats will try to get out, and see how they can deal with the Coast of *France*. From *Dover* Castle we can see that Shore quite covered with Ice.

Dover, Febr. 1. This Road being almost clear of Ice, one of our Pacquet-Boats put to Sea yesterday with the Mails for *Calais*, though we cannot think they will be able to land them on that side; for from *Dover* Cliffs we can discern the Coast of *France* to be very full of Ice. The Men on board the Dutch Doggers, which we told you in our last were put in here, reported that on the Coast of *Holland*, and particularly off of *Scevening*, the Sea was frozen eight Leagues from shore, and that in 16 fathom Water they had met with Ice strong enough to bear, and that some of them had been upon it.

Westminster, Jan. 31. This day being appointed by those Gentlemen who were by His Majesty's Grace and Favour lately called to the State and Degree of Serjeants at Law to perform the usual Ceremonies upon such an occasion, early in the Morning being clothed in Party coloured Robes, Violet and Purple, they severally repaired to the Halls of the Inns of Court, of which they had been Members, and there treated the Benchers, Barristers, and Students of the Respective Societies, and the Principals, Ancients, and Students of the Inns of *Chancery*, thereunto belonging, who afterwards waited upon the new Serjeants which were of *Grays-Inn*, *Lincolns-Inn*, and the *Middle-Temple*, to the Hall of the *Inner-Temple*, being the Society of which the Right Honourable the Lord Chief Justice of *England* was formerly a Member, who with the other Judges of the *Kings-Bench* came thither, and there all the new Serjeants rehearsed their several Counts; after which the Lord Chief Justice put on their Coifs, and then went with the other Judges in their Scarlet to *Westminster-Hall*.